

LOOK WHO IS SPENDING THOSE "TRUTH DOLLARS"

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Inasmuch as the directors of the Free Europe Committee have seen fit to turn the propaganda machinery of Radio Free Europe over to Archibald S. Alexander of the Americans for Democratic Action, it seems reasonable to wonder whether they will make that fact known to the junketers whom they are about to send on the annual free trip to Munich, Berlin and Paris.

It might make a difference in the receptivity of some of the more responsible of these prominent citizens, whom they hope to brainwash into leading the fund-collection drives in various parts of the country in coming months.

The big corporations, like Standard of New Jersey and Ford, who have been voting contributions as much as \$250,000 a year of their stockholders' money to finance the Free Europe operations, might feel obligated to let those stockholders know, too. A great many of them are aware of what ADA stands for, internationally, and might not like the idea of supporting it with their money.

Record Cited

For example, regarding Poland, the ADA went on record a year ago as follows:

"We urge a prompt and generous response to Poland's appeal for aid. In addition to economic aid, cultural exchange should be greatly increased to open windows to the outside world and thus strengthen present trends toward liberalization and democratization."

If this is to be the propaganda line of RFE after ADA's Mr. Alexander takes over, January 1, there are likely to be some Americans who disagree with the point of view. And as late as this year, the following:

"Regardless of whether or not we have sufficient deterrent power for national defense, the only real road to security and survival is radical world disarmament."

And Domestic policy is important, also, inasmuch as any "message of hope and freedom" to the Iron Curtain peoples must, of necessity, reflect our own concept of free government at home.

"Socialistic"

On this front, the ADA-RFE can be depended upon to bespeak the following principles as the things America stands for:

The Brannan Farm program of subsidizing both the farmer and the consumer. Compulsory health insurance, as a prelude to socialized medicine.

Federal price, rent and wage control, and a generally controlled economy.

Repeal the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The empowerment of the President "to modify rates of taxes and expenditures to meet changing conditions."

As early as 1950, the ADA advocated the idea of American participation in a world government, the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee, freedom of activity for Communist student organizations and relief aid for Communist China.

All of these things seem strangely apart from what the average American is asked to contribute his "truth dollars" for.